

Puyallup Tribe Children Services

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General overview of agency:

- **What type of care do you license for?** Regular foster care and respite care.
- **What is the geographic area your agency covers in serving foster homes?** All of Washington State
- **Is there a particular area you are looking for more foster homes in?** Puyallup and Tacoma areas.
- **What type of foster homes you are looking for?** Families who are either enrolled Native American or have a letter of dependency to foster Puyallup Tribal children. Non-native applicants can also be licensed.
- **Does your agency specialize in serving a special niche of families? (ie. Ethnic group, faith, lifestyle, etc.)** Native American families.
- **How many homes are currently licensed with your agency?** About 15.
- **What is the typical time it takes to for your families to get licensed? ?** 3 months. The biggest variable is how long it takes the family to complete their paperwork and fingerprint clearances.
- **Does your agency have additional licensing requirements beyond what the State requires of families?** No.
- **What is the first step for families who would like to get licensed with you?** Contact Mandy Morlin at (253) 680-5545 or mandy.morlin@puyalluptribe.com and request a meeting and/or a licensing packet.

Respite:

- **Do you license homes just for respite?** Yes.
- **What are your procedures around respite and how do your families receive it?** The foster family would request respite through their case worker at least 2 weeks in advance.

Adoption:

- **Do you provide adoption services?** Yes.
- **If so, what are the costs?** There is no cost unless the foster parents hire an attorney, then they would be responsible for the attorney fees.

Training:

- **Does your agency require its own Orientation? Yes If yes, when is it offered?** By appointment and scheduled through Mandy Morlin.
- **Do you offer your own PRIDE?** No
- **What ongoing training requirements do you have for your licensed families in addition to the ones required by the state?** None

Additional Help:

- **What sets your agency apart?** We are Native American Agency who serves Native American children. Our agency is very flexible with their time and frequently schedule appointments for after hours or a time that works best for the foster parents. The caseworkers are exceptional with assisting foster parents and go above and beyond to accommodate the family when needed (ie, after hour home visits, help with scheduling and transporting children to appointments).